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## **Combat Center-Based Marines return from Middle East**

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. – Marines from Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response – Central Command 15.2 are scheduled to return to the Combat Center Oct. 23, 2015.

SPMAGTF-CR-CC, labeled as 15.2, is the second rotation of approximately 2,300 Marines and Sailors from the southern California region composited to support a range of military operations in the Middle East.

The Marines and Sailors within this force deployed to the Middle East in April of 2015 and provided an unparalleled level of support to U.S. Central Command and to Operation Inherent Resolve. This was achieved through kinetic airstrikes, the reinstatement of Al Taqaddum Air Base and the continued support of Marine Corps Advise and Assist activities and Building Partner Capacity missions at Al Taqaddum and Al Asad Air Bases in Iraq.

Additionally, SPMAGTF-CR-CC 16.1, the third rotation of composited forces replacing 15.2, departed San Diego Oct. 14, to the Middle East.

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